an increase from 1839 thousand tonnes in 1978-79 to 2330 thousand tonnes in 1984-85.

(c) and (d) No separate study has been conducted for milk production data in Operation Flood and non-Operation Flood areas.

NCCF officers involved in bungling of controlled cloth

1207. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "Several Government officials in CBI net" which appeared in the 'Financial Express' of 11-9-1986 of Delhi edition;

(b) if so, the names of the officers of N.C.C.F. involved in this bungling of controlled cloth allocated to the State of Sikkim; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against involved officers of N.C.C.F. under the Essential Commodities Acts/regulations pertaining to such controlled commodities which are heavily subsidised by Government and are meant for the benefit of weaker section of the society?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The case has been referred to the C.B.I. for investigation.

NCCF smuggling of rice

1208. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 183 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6-5-86 and state:

(a) what is the outcome of the report lodged by NCCF with the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bombay regarding the smuggling of 9,300 MTs of rice from Kakinada Port (A.P.) to Gulf country during 1982 in contravention of Export Trade Regulations then prevailing thereby depriving the country if the much needed foreign exchange worth Rs. 4.00 crores; and

(b) what are the reasons for not handing over this matter to the CBI for investigation instead of depending on NCCF whose *modus operandi*, is to delay the things by referring the same to the Courts?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) The NCFF has reported that in pursuance of the directive from the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bombay, the CID Bombay Police has completed the investigation and has since submitted its report to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bombay.

(b) On receipt of a complaint against the alleged irregularities, the Government of India separately reffered the matter to the CBI for investigations. The CBI has reported that they have issued instructions to their Bombay Office to render necessary assistance to Bombay, CID in the investigations.

Inadequate water and toilet facilities in Bhagwan Mahavir Vanasthali Park, New Delhi

1209. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Members of Parliament have written to Government regarding inadequate water and toilet facilities for the visitors and charging of exorbitant fees from them in the Bhagwan Mahavir Vanasthali Park in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the facilities in the Park?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A nominal parking fee is being charged from the owners for parking their vehicles in the specified parking area. Drinking water facility has been provided at two points, one near the main entry and the other near the entry along Sardar Patel Road. The New Delhi Municipal Committee, who have been asked to take over the maintenance of the Park, have been requested to provide facilities of public convenience such as urinals.

Fake tarfeit used in water proofing the Government buildings

1210. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over a hundred rolls of fake tarfeit meant for the waterproofiing building Central Ministries and Departments located in North Block, New Delhi were recently seized;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the terrace waterproofing of a number of other Government buildings such as South Block, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, Indira Gandhi International Airport, Vikas Minar etc., are suspected to have been made with fake tarfeits;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the expenditure involved in waterproofing Government buildings suspected to have been made with fate tarfeits; and

(d) whether Government have made any invevstigation to identify the racket involved in the scandulous deals entered into with the contractors or in obtaining fake and sub-standard tarfeit from the suppliers; if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Over 100 rolls of tarfeit, bearing STP (Shalimar Tar Products) Marking and ISI Marking, meant for water proofing work on the terrace of North Block were recently seized by the Delhi Police. As the test results are not yet known, it is not possible at this stage to indicate whether the rolls were sub-standard or fake.

(b) No cause for such suspicion has come to notice.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Rising rents in Delhi

1211. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH *MALAVIYA*:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study recently with regard to the rise in the rents of houses in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the comparative percentage of rise in the rents of houses in the city during the last two years;

(c) whether the Delhi Rent Control Act has not proved an effective instrument in containing the astronomical rise in the rents of houses in the prevailing situations; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to bring about a suitable change in the existing Act to curb the highly disproportionate rise in the rents of houses, if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The Delhi Rent Control Act can not be said to have contributed to increase in rents. On the other hand it provides for restriction of rent to standard rent about which there are representations that it is very much on the lower side.